Town of Chesterfield Economic Development Committee

MINUTES February 15, 2018

Attendees

Jon Starbuck, Selectman Representative Norman VanCor, Christine Dufresne and Phil Shaw Absent: Don Brehm

Starbuck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Shaw was introduced to the committee as being a prospective member. The committee reviewed and voted to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017.

Starbuck was nominated as Chair of the EDC, the nomination was seconded and approved. VanCor swore in both Starbuck and Dufresne. VanCor was elected to serve as Vice Chair.

Also discussed were the results of the 2016 Master Plan that indicated residents were in favor of affordable housing, senior housing and a sit-down restaurant. The Selectmen are in favor of development and the town officials are willing to work with potential developers.

- 1. First and foremost, any development must be appropriate for the Town as well as having a need.
- 2. There was a general discussion comparing the definitions and needs of low income housing, affordable housing, Senior housing and cluster housing.
- 3. Research regarding development grants from State or Federal agencies and possible seed money availability should be done.
- 4. Locations of any four housing options would have to be researched (i.e., access to transportation, shopping, medical care and churches). Each committee member was assigned an action to research specific housing definitions.

The list of available properties in Chesterfield needs to be updated.

The town's newest business Copper Canon Brewing does not have frontage to install signage. The business is, therefore, struggling to advertise and bring in customers. Currently there is a banner in front, which is in violation of code and being addressed. It was decided the Committee would invite the building inspector to attend an EDC meeting.

Nichole Brassard-Jordan, the State Liquor Commission's Marketing/Merchandising/Warehousing Director will attend the June 21 meeting.

The next meeting will be April 19.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by: Christine Dufresne